

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 5, 17-19 and 24 are allowed. Claims 1-4, 6-16, 20-23 and 25-27 are rejected. Claims 1-4, 6-16, 20-23 and 25-27 are cancelled. Claims 5, 17-19 and 24 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new subject matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 9-13, 20 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrews et al.

Claims 2, 14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrews et al. and further in view of Bolton (US 5,768,433).

Claims 3, 6-7, 15 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrews et al. and further in view of Kim (US 5,737,019).

Claims 4, 8, 16 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrews et al. and further in view of Peng et al. (US 6,618,445).

These rejections are respectfully traversed. However, to further the case to issuance, claims 1-4, 6-16, 20-23 and 25-27 have been cancelled; therefore, the above rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 5, 17-19 and 24 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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